

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (April-June 2011)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston, L 04/14/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Columbinus, a controversial play about the Columbine shootings, was forced to find a new home when Lexington High School parents pressured school officials to shut the play down.

Greater Boston, L 04/26/11, 7pm, 30 min.

If you were the victim of a sexual assault, would you report it? With a fifth of female college students nationally experiencing a sexual assault on campus, Boston City officials are examining how local universities are responding to accusations.

Greater Boston, L 06/14/11, 7pm, 30 min.

The number of college graduates who have moved back in with their parents is at an all-time high. Why are so many "boomerang kids" moving back to the nest?

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston, L 04/06/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Longtime civic leader Peter Meade was just tapped to lead the Boston Redevelopment Authority. Meade takes over the BRA as Boston tries to emerge from a real estate downturn that has stalled several projects.

Greater Boston, L 04/20/11, 7pm, 30 min.

A man who calls himself a biz-architect makes teeny tiny houses out of recycled goods.

Greater Boston, L 04/27/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Does size really matter? Despite being the largest convention center in New England, the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center has failed to attract crowds.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston, N 04/08/11, 7pm, 30 min.

In the aftermath of a camp employee's suicide, more and more people have come forward claiming they were sexually abused at Camp Good News. Mitchell Garabedian, an attorney for abuse victims, joins Emily.

Greater Boston, L 05/04/11, 7pm, 30 min.

WBZ I-Team reporter Joe Shortsleeve recently made a shocking discovery about the safety of fire hydrants and light poles in Worcester.

Greater Boston, N 05/27/11, 7pm, 30 min.

The biggest crime stories of the week have one thing in common: mental health. From Nancy Kerrigan's brother to alleged Arizona gunman Jared Loughner, how should a person's mental imbalances affect their prosecution and sentencing?

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Greater Boston, L 04/26/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Federal judge Nancy Gertner is no stranger to controversy. During her career as an attorney, she defended a radical lesbian feminist and an abused woman accused of arranging her husband's murder. Judge Gertner joins Emily to reflect on her career and discuss her new book, *In Defense of Women*.

Greater Boston, L 05/12/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Is the Governor's Council still relevant? Should the minimum age to get a driver's permit be lowered? How is the Massachusetts Senate race shaping up? Emily tackles these issues and more with political heavyweights Warren Tolman and Sen. Bob Hedlund.

Greater Boston, L 06/02/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Think everything you want to know is available online? Think again, says MoveOn.org founder Eli Pariser. In his new book, *The Filter Bubble*, Pariser explains how Internet companies keep a tight grip on what you do and don't get to see online.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Greater Boston, L 04/01/11, 7pm, 30 min.

WGBH's "Where We Live" series wraps up in the metro west suburb of Ashland. Jared Bowen recently visited Ashland and found a sizable immigrant community has helped shield that town from the worst of the recession.

Need to Know, L 04/08/11, 10pm, 60 min.

Former Governor Ed Rendell, a Democrat and co-chair of Building America's Future -- a non-partisan advocacy group for infrastructure investment -- makes his case for spending NOW on modernizing the national infrastructure and creating jobs for the unemployed.

Independent Lens, L 05/25/11, 10pm, 60 min.

Beverly May and Terry Ratliff grew up on opposite sides of a mountain ridge in eastern Kentucky, where coal is king. When a mountaintop removal coal mine encroaches on their community, the two find themselves on opposite sides of a debate that divides their community and the world -- who controls, consumes, and benefits from the planet's dwindling supply of natural resources? In a small town in dire economic straits and high unemployment, the coal company's offer to buy land and provide jobs can be hard to resist. What can a community do when it must choose between its present and its future?

VI. Environment/Ecology

Greater Boston, L 06/03/11, 7pm, 30 min.

They hid in closets, in bathtubs, and even under furniture as tornadoes devastated their homes. Greater Boston's Jared Bowen traveled to Springfield to hear gripping stories of survival from residents of a neighborhood that's been virtually destroyed.

Greater Boston, L 06/09/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Massachusetts Congressman Michael Capuano joins Emily to talk about federal disaster relief for tornado victims.

Greater Boston, L 06/15/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Former Michigan governor Jennifer Granholm practically reinvented that state's struggling economy by emphasizing clean energy. Her political life might be behind her, but tonight Granholm tells how she plans to keep the US energy debate alive.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Greater Boston, L 04/05/11, 7pm, 30 min.

In 2005, New England Patriots' linebacker Tedy Bruschi was hospitalized with a stroke. Now, he has his own team called Tedy's Team, a group of runners devoted to raising money for stroke awareness.

Greater Boston, L 05/05/11, 7pm, 30 min.

The news that the Massachusetts House voted to allow Boston's cigar bars to stay open has stogie lovers lit up. But does it come with a public health risk?

Greater Boston, L 05/13/11, 7pm, 30 min.

US troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan sometimes face their greatest challenges when they return home. Now, a partnership between the Boston Red Sox and Mass. General Hospital is offering vets the help they need to treat post traumatic stress disorder.

VII. Economy/ Business

Greater Boston, L 04/01/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Ever since he succeeded Tim Cahill as Massachusetts Treasurer earlier this year, Steve Grossman has kept a pretty low public profile especially in contrast with his predecessor.

Greater Boston, L 04/07/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Online customers can easily bypass the Massachusetts sales tax by shopping at big retailers like Amazon and Overstock. Local brick-and-mortar stores say its time for e-shoppers to pay their share and are looking to Beacon Hill for a fix.

Greater Boston, L 06/02/11, 7pm, 30 min.

What better place to shop for a t-shirt than the T? In an effort to raise revenues, the MBTA has launched a new website, MBTAGifts.com, where commuters can stock up on all kinds of T memorabilia like coffee mugs, jewelry, and even flip-flops.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Greater Boston, L 06/14/11 7pm, 30 min.

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Greater Boston, L 04/21/11 7pm, 30 min.

It can be tough getting through to kids about the dangers of texting while driving. But now a distraction simulator promises to fix that. WGBH reporter Adam Reilly recently took the simulator for a test drive.

Greater Boston, L 05/10/11 7pm, 30 min.

It's been called a "silent pandemic" affecting the most vulnerable citizens in our community. How can you tell if your elderly loved one is the victim of abuse?

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